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Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai :—" Is the hon the Minister for Local Self-Government aware that the depressed classes were there even before the College came into existence ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan : —" It may be."

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai :—" Is not the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government aware that by this diversion of the road the depressed classes have to go away from the spot bag and baggage and they cannot find a new place anywhere ?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I am not aware."

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai :—" Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government see that arrangements are made for them to find a suitable place ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I shall cause an inquiry to be made."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" What is proposed to be done with the old road ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I want notice."

Mr. N. Siva Raj :—" Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government see that henceforth at least the depressed classes are not disturbed from their places ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I cannot give any such undertaking."

Local Boards

Levy of fines on bus licensees by the President, Chingleput District Board.

*1801 Q.—Mr. Ramanath Goenka : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the President of the Chingleput District Board imposed fines on the bus licensees for alleged breach of motor by-laws such as over-speeding and over-loading ;

(b) what is the amount of fines collected by the President on his own authority since he took charge of the office ;

(c) in how many cases the President has failed to collect the fines after having served notices imposing fines ;

(d) whether the President's action in levying fines on his own authority is beyond his powers and what action the Government proposes to take in the matter ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 486.

(c) Two.

(d) The matter is reported to be sub-judice. The Government are not prepared to express an opinion in the matter.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" If the District Board and the Taluk Board persons are taken free, would the number count for overloading of such passengers ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I want notice."

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The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" In answer to clause (*d*) it is said '*the matter is reported to be sub-judice*'. May I know how is it that it has become *sub-judice* ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" On what report is the information based ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" On the report submitted by the President of the District Board."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" Did the report merely say that the matter is *sub-judice* without assigning reasons how it became *sub-judice* ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" In answer to (*d*), may I know whether the Government have got any information on the matter ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" He is asking for an information which I am not prepared to give."

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Municipal Councils

Construction of a second bridge on Cauvery river.

1802 *Q.*—Mr. K. S. SIVASUBRAHMANYA AYYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Kumbakonam Municipality applied for a loan to construct a second bridge for the Cauvery ;

(*b*) whether the Government had received proposals for the same from the Superintending Engineer ;

(*c*) whether the loan was finally refused and, if so, what are the reasons for the same ; and

(*d*) whether the Government proposes to reconsider its decision and grant the loan as early as possible ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) & (*d*) The loan has not been finally refused.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II

AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS 12 AND 52.

*The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have to inform the House that the following six gentlemen were nominated for election to the Select Committee to consider the amendments to Standing Orders 12 and 52 :—

(1) Mr. J. A. Saldanha
(2) Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar.
(3) Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai.
(4) Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar.
(5) Rao Bahadur B. Munuswami Nayudu.
(6) Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur.